



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 29
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Your reference: SSD 8696
Our reference: D17/2992

17 July 2018

Attention: Natasha Homsey

Dear Natasha,

State Significant Development Application – Suntop Solar Farm

Reference is made to correspondence dated 30 May 2018 seeking input regarding the above State Significant Development in accordance with section 75F (4) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the information provided and provides the following advice;

1. A Bush Fire Management Plan (BFMP) will be prepared in consultation with the NSW RFS District Fire Control Centre. The BFMP shall include:
 - 24/7 contact details including alternative telephone contact;
 - Site infrastructure plan;
 - Site access and internal road plan;
 - Construction of asset protection zones and their continued maintenance;
 - Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that will impact on fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
 - Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District office (Plan, review and update).
2. The entire solar array development site shall be managed as an inner protection area (IPA) as outlined within section 4.1.3 and Appendix 5 of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006' and the NSW Rural Fire Service's document 'Standards for asset protection zones'.
3. To allow for emergency personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre defendable space that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of the solar array development site.
4. A minimum of 20,000 litres dedicated water supply shall be located adjacent to the main internal road. The water supply shall have a hard stand surface within 4 metres of the supply.

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If the water supply is to be within a storage tank, the tank(s) shall be:

- Constructed of noncombustible materials (ie. steel or concrete);
- Fitted with a 65mm Storz fitting or similar (as agreed by the RFS District Fire Control Centre);
- All external fittings shall be made of metal.

This letter is in response to a further assessment of the application submitted and supersedes our previous key issue and assessment requirements regarding bush fire protection dated 7 September 2017.

If you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Matthew Apps, Development Assessment and Planning Officer, on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,



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